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### ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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## **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

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## **ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

Deputy Sheriff sworn personnel having received training in certified OHV courses will patrol in rotational two man shifts during heavy use periods during the primary riding season. This season is early fall through winter with weekends and Holidays being the primary target of patrols. Additional personnel may be assigned depending on the circumstances presented and the need, such as large scale enduro events. Normal patrol shifts will be 10 hours in duration.

In addition, random patrols will be conducted during off peak riding times to ensure that OHV riders are observing the local, state, and federal laws that pertain to their recreational activities.

Deputies assigned to OHV patrol may deviate from their normal patrol operations to assist in search and rescue missions when they involve off-road enthusiasts.

## **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Currently the Colusa County Sheriff's Office OHV Law Enforcement Team consists of six members who have received training in OHV courses. Each member of the team is equipped with their own safety equipment and are certified in first aid, CPR, and AED.

An additional 4 to 6 personnel are proposed to be added to the team during this grant period. These personnel will be trained in an authorized OHV course and educated in the laws specific to OHV enforcement.

Two deputies will be deployed per shift during the project with each shift scheduled for 10 hours or as needed. Additional personnel will be assigned depending on the circumstances presented and the need.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The high priority law enforcement area is with the Mendocino National Forest in the western portion of Colusa County. This area contains the Stonyford Area where two OHV staging areas, the Davis Flat/Fouts Springs OHV staging area and the Little Stony OHV staging area. Both areas are located near public roads, where OHV cross or use the roads to access trails. There are numerous campgrounds in the area and the high congestion of OHV riders in such a concentrated area is a concern for public safety. There is a Correctional Youth Facility and the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area in the area both of which often encounter trespassers.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The law enforcement project by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office relates to OHV recreation and will sustain OHV opportunities by ensuring that all riders will have a safer opportunity to enjoy the recreational experience if there is an active patrol. At times the presence of law enforcement alone aids in keeping riders and drivers alert and aware of their actions, ensuring responsible and safe operation of the OHVs with minimal to no impact on the environment. Without this presence, damage to the environment may occur by OHV operators going off-route, trespassing reports will become numerous, dangerous areas may become routinely accessed, and many participants may decide not to attend events without a patrol presence.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Colusa County Sheriff's Office works in cooperation with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. There are formal cooperative agreements with both the Mendocino National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management. The Sheriff's Office provides services as needed to assist in investigations, special events and details, or emergencies requested by other agencies, including the National Forest service, BLM, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Fish and Game, as well as Colusa County Environmental Health, Health and Human Services, Colusa County Road Department, Indian Valley Fire Department, and Cal-Fire.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explain

Law enforcement costs associated with OHV events are not recovered where a local permit is required.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Members of the Colusa County Sheriff's Office OHV enforcement team are required to attend an OHV training course, taught by a certified training instructor from the ATV Safety Institute. Members are required to possess current first aid and CPR cards. Members are also taught local, state, and federal laws which are specific to OHV enforcement. Personnel are provided with the OHMVR Law Enforcement Booklet and are encouraged to speak with other personnel and agencies to continue to improve their knowledge of OHV safety and natural protection. Continued on the job training is a prerequisite for any law enforcement officer.

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Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Colusa County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for enforcement on federal land. There are cooperative agreements with the Mendocino National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of the Interior relating to enforcement of specific activities. These include A Cooperative Patrol Agreement with the US Forest Service, Mendocino National Forest; MOU regarding State and Federal Jurisdiction with BLM; and Enhanced Law Enforcement Services with the Department of the Interior.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

Currently the funds are not being used, but are planned to be used as to complement the Colusa County Sheriff's Office project for this grant cycle.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

not applicable

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No)



Yes



No

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| <b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>      | Colusa County Sheriff's Office  |   |             |
| <b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>       | Law Enforcement   | <b>PROJECT NUMBER<br/>(Division use only) :</b> |             |
| <b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>        | <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Development</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Education &amp; Safety</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Planning</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Restoration</div> </div>   |   |             |
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| <b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>        |  |         |         |     |               |          |           |
| <b>Program Expenses</b>       |  |         |         |     |               |          |           |
| <b>1</b>                      | <b>Staff</b>   |         |         |     |               |          |           |
|                               | Law Enforcement Officers   | 410.000 | 55.000  | HRS | 20,000.00     | 2,550.00 | 22,550.00 |
| <b>2</b>                      | <b>Contracts</b>   |         |         |     |               |          |           |
| <b>3</b>                      | <b>Materials / Supplies</b>  |         |         |     |               |          |           |
|                               | Safety Equipment<br>Notes : Helmets, riding boots, gloves, goggles | 6.000   | 250.000 | SET | 0.00          | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00  |
| <b>4</b>                      | <b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>                                      |         |         |     |               |          |           |
|                               | Vehicle Operations and Maintenance                                 | 2.000   | 300.000 | EA  | 0.00          | 600.00   | 600.00    |
|                               | Vehicle Operations and Maintenance                                 | 520.000 | 2.500   | EA  | 0.00          | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00  |
|                               | <b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>                            |         |         |     | 0.00          | 1,900.00 | 1,900.00  |
| <b>5</b>                      | <b>Equipment Purchases</b>   |         |         |     |               |          |           |
| <b>6</b>                      | <b>Others</b>  |         |         |     |               |          |           |
|                               | Training<br>Notes : ATV safety training                            | 6.000   | 125.000 | EA  | 0.00          | 750.00   | 750.00    |
| <b>7</b>                      | <b>Administrative Costs</b>  |         |         |     |               |          |           |
| <b>Total Program Expenses</b> |  |         |         |     | 20,000.00     | 6,700.00 | 26,700.00 |

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| <b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>        |                        |                  |                 |                  |           |
| <b>Program Expenses</b>       |                        |                  |                 |                  |           |
| 1                             | Staff                  | 20,000.00        | 2,550.00        | 22,550.00        |           |
| 2                             | Contracts              | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00             |           |
| 3                             | Materials / Supplies   | 0.00             | 1,500.00        | 1,500.00         |           |
| 4                             | Equipment Use Expenses | 0.00             | 1,900.00        | 1,900.00         |           |
| 5                             | Equipment Purchases    | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00             |           |
| 6                             | Others                 | 0.00             | 750.00          | 750.00           |           |
| 7                             | Administrative Costs   | 0.00             | 0.00            | 0.00             |           |
| <b>Total Program Expenses</b> |                        | 20,000.00        | 6,700.00        | 26,700.00        |           |
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**